

or their families is not uniform and does not commensurate with their sufferings;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government are considering to enhance the rate of compensation/rehabilitation assistance paid under such circumstances and lay down a criteria for determining uniform rate of such assistance; and

(g) if so, the details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) During the last three years, while there was no major riot in the year 2004, one major riot occurred in Mau in 2005 and during the current year 2006 so far three major riots have occurred at Lucknow, Aligarh and Vadodara.

(c) to (e) Rehabilitation of victims of the riot is a State subject and as such assistance paid by the State Government vary from State to State.

(f) and (g) The Government of India have introduced in the Rajya Sabha on 5.12.2005 Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005. This Bill provides for rehabilitation and also for payment of compensation on uniform basis for the victims of the communal riots. The Bill is currently before the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs.

Increase in Interest rate on EPF

70. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking steps to increase the EPF rate for the current year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the number of beneficiaries of EPF reported during the last two years, State-wise; and

(e) the amount disbursed to the EPF employees who have retired specially in Andhra Pradesh during the last two years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) No recommendations have so far been made by the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund on the rate of interest for the current year.

(d) The details are given at Statement (*See below*).

(e) The amount disbursed to the outgoing members of the Fund (superannuation cases) in Andhra Pradesh during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 are Rs. 463.44 lakh and Rs. 883.68 lakh respectively.

Statement

Details of beneficiaries of EPF

Region	No. of Members (as on 31 st March)	
	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	3131879	3196024
Bihar	230706	237447
Chhattisgarh	310156	323079
Delhi	2214885	2168599
Goa	282141	343911
Gujarat	3733338	3711889
Haryana	1575520	2514523
Himachal Pradesh	208939	231857
Jharkhand	772282	761680
Karnataka	3647366	4106119
Kerala	1208746	1291173
Maharashtra	7840246	8000839
Madhya Pradesh	1442911	1436072
North Eastern Region	207559	222026
Orissa	741090	728062

1	2	3
Punjab	2596547	2392381
Rajasthan	1370521	1442549
Tamil Nadu	5123557	5480701
Uttar Pradesh	189798	191440
Uttarakhand	1551852	1534076
West Bengal	2729135	2638562
TOTAL:	41109174	42953009

Steps to Improve in ESI hospitals

71. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is acute shortage of doctors, para-medical staff and equipments and medicines in ESI hospitals and dispensaries;
- (b) the details in this regard in the context of Andhra Pradesh particularly;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to well equip the ESI hospitals and dispensaries and improve their functioning;
- (d) the number of persons availing ESI medical facilities in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (e) the funds released to the Andhra Pradesh Government for managing ESI hospitals/dispensaries during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) There are some vacancies of doctors and para-medical staff in ESI hospitals and dispensaries. The equipments for the hospitals and dispensaries are provided as per norms laid down by ESI Corporation. There are no reports of shortage of equipments and medicines in ESI hospitals and dispensaries in Andhra Pradesh. The detailed staff position in respect of Andhra Pradesh is as under: